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Functional Areas 2 and 3 awarded.

Millennia Lite Announces Awardees

The GSA Federal Technology Service (FTS) awarded the first and second in a series of four major information technology support services contracts under the Millennia Lite program on April 20, 2000.

These contracts, administered by the Information Technology Acquisition Center (ITAC), will be co-managed by the Greater Southwest Region in Fort Worth, TX and the Southeast Sunbelt Region in Atlanta, GA. The ITAC is one of four solutions development centers established by FTS.

Eleven multiple award indefinite quantity contracts were awarded for Functional Area 2 – high-end information technology services (HITS) and 10 for Functional Area 3 – mission support services (MSS). The maximum dollar value for all contracts awarded under Millennia Lite is \$20 billion.

Functional Area 2 awardees are:

- ◆ American Systems Corporation
- ◆ Anteon Corp.
- ◆ AverStar, Inc.
- ◆ Computer Technology Associates, Inc.
- ◆ GRC International, Inc.
- ◆ Nichols Research
- ◆ New Technology Management, Inc.
- ◆ QSS Group, Inc.
- ◆ Sentel Corp.
- ◆ Sherikon, Inc.
- ◆ Systems Technology Associates, Inc.

Functional Area 3 awardees are:

- ◆ ACS Government Solutions Group
- ◆ Advanced Technology Systems, Inc.
- ◆ Century Technologies
- ◆ Computer Systems Technology
- ◆ EER Systems
- ◆ FC Business Systems
- ◆ ITS Federal
- ◆ Rose International, Inc.
- ◆ Sherikon, Inc.
- ◆ VGS

For more information,
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Take a look at GSA's new look.

Adopts Corporate Identity

The old and familiar seal with eagle and pyramid are now a part of GSA's history. The new corporate image (shown above) for GSA was revealed in March.

The new logo and look are symbols for the value we promise our customers and the features that differentiate GSA from other providers of information technology and telecommunication products, services, and policy.

GSA employees have the experience, knowledge, and creative expertise to meet customers' needs in ways that

are responsive to all, yet appropriate to each. Whether knowing how to obtain the best available products and services, or creating policy, GSA is a trusted resource customers can count on for making smart choices.

We will identify, adapt, and champion best business practices and continue to be a leader in shaping the work environment of the future. GSA strives to respond every day to the demands of a dynamic democracy, and never forgets its role in serving the needs of all Americans.

Unsure? Contact your local GSA Area Telecommunications Manager.

New Area Codes Announced

The following area codes have been announced for activation in the near future.

Iowa

641

July 9, 2000

The new area code 641 will serve the northern and eastern portions of existing area code 515. Des Moines and Ames will remain in the 515 area code.

California

764

September 16, 2000

The new area code 764 will overlay existing area code 650.

California

442

October 21, 2000

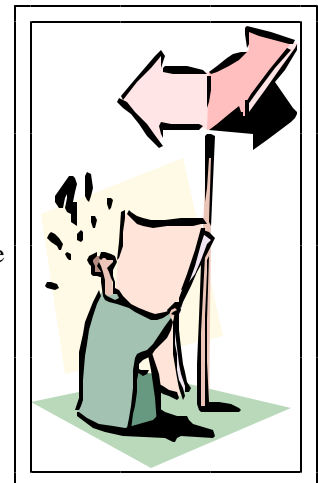
The new area code 442 will encompass the southwestern geographic area of existing area code 760, including Borrego Springs, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Escondido, Fallbrook, Julian, Oceanside, Camp Pendleton, Pauma Valley, Ramona, San Marcos, Valley Center, Vista and Warner Springs..

Ohio

234

October 30, 2000

The new area code 234 will overlay existing area code 330.



_____. Attention, GTE FEDWIRE cell phone users.

Cell phones equipped with fraud protection device

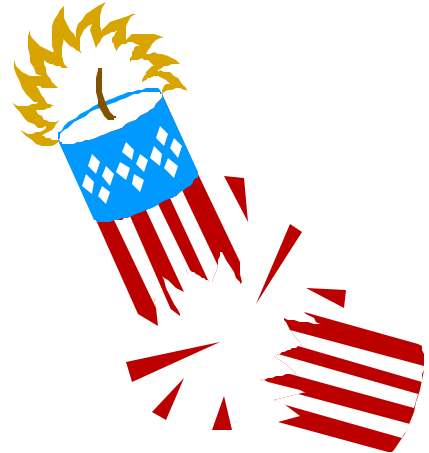
Cell phones serviced through the GSA/GTE FEDWIRE contract are internally equipped with an automatic authentication device for fraud protection.

When making a call while out of your service area (roaming), you may be prompted to enter a PIN Code. The **universal PIN Code** is **3987** — recognized by carriers nationwide. If you are prompted by two short tones when making a call, enter the PIN Code “3987” and then press “SEND”.

Plan ahead; you can also pre-register with GTE by calling 888-333-9473. Provide GTE with your user name and the mobile identification number (located on the back of your phone under the battery).

Please direct any questions to Mike Grimes at 281-370-5115.

Have a Safe & Happy
July 4, 2000!



_____. Are you due a credit?

GSA and MCI reach access charge settlement

After lengthy negotiations, GSA and MCI reached a settlement concerning MCI's billing of the National Access Fee (NAF) charged from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999.

If your office was a GSA local telecommunications service customer and a direct-billed MCI international customer, GSA will pay MCI the negotiated amount for the period cited. MCI will credit your direct-billed account for the NAF over-billing, if they have not already done so. Contact MCI's Ray Bivins, 703-902-6529 for billing assistance.

MCI and Sprint can now provide international long distance service under the FTS2001 contract. MCI is waving NAF charges for January, February, and March 2000. If you are a GSA local telecommunications service customer, beginning April 1, 2000, the NAF charge will be recovered as follows:

FTS 2001 Service Provided	NAF Charge will be Billed
♦ via switched access — formerly known as virtual on-net (VON) service under FTS2000	Monthly on your FTS2001 statement
♦ via GSA dedicated access trunks	Monthly on your GSA local service statement

Direct questions to Linda Shannon at 817-978-4075.

_____ Cante Wasteya Napa Ciyazape! – Greetings with a Glad Heart and Handshake!

American Indian Tribes access technology

The General Services Administration now offers all federally recognized Tribes access to Federal Technology Service (FTS), and commits to furtherance of government-to-government relationships. For more information, access the GSA Policy Toward Native American and Alaska Tribes web site at:

<http://policyworks.gov/org/main/mg/intergov/GSA-Order2NAmericans.htm>

The GSA Indian web site may be accessed at: <http://itn.gsa.gov>.

GSA implemented a Tribal Nations Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and established a Native American Team with representatives from all 11 GSA regions. A Tribal Nations' category for the FTS Customer service database has been established, and Ms. Sara Crazy Thunder is helping to provide improved information technology, network services, and building technology infrastructure to American Indian reservations across Indian Country. She is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Ongoing projects include: Indian Health Services Telemedicine, a prescription order refill system, FTS 2001 long distance services, customer premise equipment (telephones/PBX) installation at Tribal complex, Indian housing authorities, and IHS wiring and cabling. Also, Tribal Internet access, PC/LAN/WAN design, financial information systems development, and Internet connectivity to all BIA schools – Project Access Native America, to name a few.

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Otipi! —
Red Day!

GSA answers FEMA call for support.

Disaster Relief Provided in New Mexico

In response to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Forest Fire Disaster 1329-DRT, two Greater Southwest Region telecommunications managers were deployed to Los Alamos, NM during the period May 12-19, 2000.

Ed Lefebvre from the Albuquerque, NM Field Office, and Mike Grimes from the Houston, TX Field Office, provided telecommunication expertise and support to establish critical data and voice telecommunication services in Los Alamos for the Disaster Field Office, Disaster Relief Center, and Joint Information Center.

- ◆ **2 Data T-1s established**
 - ⇒ From the Disaster Field Office at the NM Capitol Building to Denton, TX
 - ⇒ From the Disaster Field Office to the Joint Information Center
- ◆ **165 voice lines activated**
 - ⇒ 97 at the Disaster Field Office
 - ⇒ 45 at the Joint Information Center
 - ⇒ 23 at the Disaster Relief Center — including 6 lines dedicated as a public phone bank
- ◆ **60 cell phones & pagers activated** for FEMA staff members



FTS Selects Charles Self as Deputy Commissioner and Robert Suda as Assistant Commissioner of ITI

FTS Commissioner Sandra Bates announced that Charles Self is the new Deputy Commissioner and Robert Suda, the former Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief Information Officer, has replaced Self as Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Information Technology Integration. Both appointments were effective April 2, 2000.

In accepting the position, Self said, "I will make the integration of the FTS business lines a top priority and I look forward to the unique challenges presented by the telecommunications industry."

Since June 1997, under Self's leadership, the FTS IT Solutions business line has provided more than \$3 billion per year of nationwide technical and contractual assistance to federal agencies in all areas related to the acquisition, integration, development, management, and use of information systems and technology. Self directed the development of new business lines such as

Seat Management, Smart Card, Financial Management Systems Services, and Fed Learn and he was instrumental in the award of numerous multiple award contracts including ANSWER and Millennia.

Suda had been the FTS CFO since January 1998. He started with GSA in 1977 as an intern in the agency's National Capitol Region. Since then, he held numerous positions in the financial community in both the regional and headquarters offices. Prior to joining FTS, he was Director of Finance for GSA. Suda said, "I am truly excited about this opportunity. My goal is to build on the past successes of the business and to grow it responsibly. We have numerous opportunities to look at new product lines and enhance existing ones providing our customers with the best solutions to meet the needs of their agency missions."

Victims and survivors of Murrah Federal Building bombing remembered.

National Memorial Dedicated

On the fifth anniversary of the April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, President Clinton, U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno and hundreds of bomb survivors and relatives of those killed were on hand to dedicate the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Hymns and anthems were played, the names of the dead were read aloud, and military jets flew over head in the course of two ceremonies, a private one for survivors and family in the morning and a public one in the evening with a keynote speech from the President.

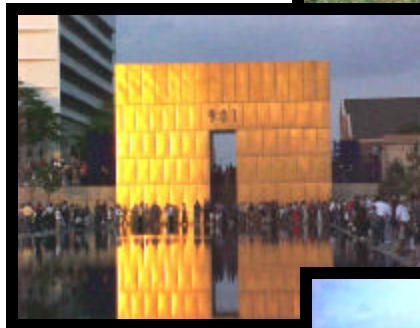
The memorial is a park of bronze, stonework and trees covering a square city block on the downtown site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Towering gates, a long reflecting pool and a field of 168 empty bronze chairs commemorate the victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The memorial also commemorates the survivors and the rescue workers who were brought together by the disaster.

The main entrance gate is marked with time “9:01” for the minutes before the bomb blast and the exit gate is marked “9:03” for the moment after, as well as an inscription:

“We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever. May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity.”



A 70-year-old elm tree dubbed “**the Survivor Tree**” because it withstood the blast has also been incorporated into the memorial. It is surrounded by a newly planted grove of fruit trees in honor of the rescue workers who pulled people from the rubble.



Meet the Region 7 FTS Staff.

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